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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Dear Parents and Families,

Time is flying by as the activities are starting to kick into high gear. In this update we continue to talk about winter sports and now the fall play, American Education Week, and Security Updates. Please take time to read this update carefully as well watch the video message. We wish you the best throughout the month of November and wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Calendar of Events:

[Monthly Calendar](#)

Principal's Video Message

[Principal's Update November 13, 2018](#)

Notable Events. If the activity is underlined & in a different color, please click to obtain more specific information.

Mon	Nov 12	Schools Closed Veterans Day Observed
Th-F	Nov 15 & 16	American Education Week Visitation
F-Sat	Nov 16 & 17 7:00-9:00pm	Fall Play
Mon	Nov 19	First Marking Period Grades Stored and Reported
Wed	Nov 21	Early Dismissal—Students still eat lunch
Th-F	Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday—Schools Closed
Mon	Nov 26	Tryouts/First Practice Basketball/Wrestling (Please see coach for specifics)
M-F	Nov 26-30	BHMS PTO Bookfair
Wed	Dec 5...6:30pm	Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)-Central Office
Thurs	Dec 13...7pm	BHMS Winter Musical Concert Grades 7-8...Investor's Bank Center

Thurs	Dec 20...7pm	BHMS Winter Musical Concert Grade 6...BHMS Cafeteria
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Winter Sports (Basketball/Wrestling)

Basketball and Wrestling are starting soon. As noticed above in the link for basketball, there is a basketball interest meeting on October 4 after school. The coaches will discuss tryout and schedules. The wrestling interest meeting will occur later. For information on Boys Basketball, contact Jim Gooding (jgooding@gatewayhs.com), Girls Basketball, contact Lisa Bramante (lbramante@wtps.org), Wrestling, contact Joe Downey (jdowney@wtps.org).

If you intend to do a winter sport, you MUST have a current 2018-19 physical approved by your child's physician, our school nurse, and the school's physician. It is important to get the physicals in by November as the first practices start the Monday after Thanksgiving. For information on the physicals, click on this link: [physicals](#).

If you are having trouble securing a physical appointment from your primary doctor, Inspira Medical Clinic in the Mill Pond Shopping Center on Egg Harbor (where Shoprite is) or CVS Pharmacy on Egg Harbor Road (across from Dunkin Donuts) can accept appointments and are well versed in doing sports physicals.

Security Drills

Dr. Muscelli, Officer Hamilton, and I have been working in conjunction with security, law enforcement, and detectives on various committees. Based on unfortunate events that have transpired across the country, school are being advised to conduct unannounced emergency drills. This means that we will conduct a drill without notifying teachers and the student body that a drill is in progress. Rather, we simply prompt the students to a procedure and then reconvene and inform them a drill took place. This has positives and negatives.

The negative is that sadly, these real events are so prevalent across the country. As a result, I am very cognizant of the fact that staff and students will be nervous about the intent of the emergency procedure. The positive, however, is that it allows a better preparedness for school officials, law enforcement, and most importantly students. Each drill needs to be taken very seriously and conducted with precision. Very specific training is now essential. We as a school have a duty, first and foremost, to do our diligence to provide the best safety procedures for our children.

In order to quell any anxiety about these drills, I will communicate with families regarding the time frame of the drills and will certainly send out correspondence once a drill has been conducted. Students and teachers will also know immediately after the protocol that the incident was a drill. Keep in mind that by law, we are mandated to conduct multiple drills per month. We still do fire/evacuation drills. We will continue to announce those.

This new procedure will be in effect beginning in January of 2019. If you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to me or Dr. Muscelli. We would be happy to talk with you on the phone or even meet with you. Again, this is not an attempt to promote concern, just an attempt to hone our safety protocol.

Classroom/Instructional Visitations for American Education

This week (11/12-11/16) is American Education Week. Please see this link: [American Education Week](#) for information about classroom visitations.

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Many of the clubs have started. Please listen to the morning announcements or view them on the website. If you don't hear your club on the announcements, please view the club list in the main hallway or in the cafeteria to see who the teacher is to contact. You can also visit this link: <https://www.wtps.org/Page/6860>.

It is also important that families know about the prep clubs. Prep clubs are in place to provide homework assistance and study assistance. If your child is in need of attending or receiving extra support, please see this link so you know when your child's grade level prep club meets. <https://www.wtps.org/Page/26254>.

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Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio